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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)**

Dear Sir:

This petition is in view of a review of the undersigned's file for the above-referenced patent application and a search of the USPTO Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system for this application. The PAIR system indicates that a Notice of Abandonment has been mailed for this application. Applicant respectfully petitions that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

According to MPEP § 711.03(c)(II), under *Delgar v. Schulyer*, 172 USPQ 513 (D.D.C. 1971), when presented with an adequately supported petition alleging that an action was never received, the Office may grant a petition to withdraw a holding of abandonment and remail an Office Action. The support required to establish nonreceipt of the Office Action must include a statement from the practitioner stating that the action was not received and attesting to the fact that the file jacket and docket records indicate that the communication was not received. A copy

of the docket record where the nonreceived Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached and referenced in the statement.

In the above-identified application, a first Office Action was mailed on September 19, 2002, and was received by the undersigned. Applicant filed a Response to this Office Action on January 21, 2003. The PAIR system indicates that a final Office Action was mailed on March 19, 2003, and that a Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 22, 2003.

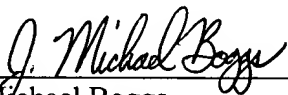
The undersigned practitioner hereby states that the final Office Action and the Notice of Abandonment were not received. The undersigned practitioner attests to the fact that the file jacket and docket records indicate that the final Office Action and the Notice of Abandonment were not received. In support therefor, a copy of the docket record during a three month period for reply to the final Office Action from the March 19, 2003 mailing date through June 19, 2003, where the nonreceived final Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed is attached to this petition. In addition, a copy of the docket record during a three month period from the October 22, 2003 mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment through January 22, 2004, where the nonreceived Notice of Abandonment would have been entered had it been received and docketed is attached to this petition. Applicant also notes that a Change of Correspondence Address request to change the correspondence address to that of the undersigned was filed along with the Response to the first Office Action mailed on January 21, 2003. A copy of the Change of Correspondence Address request and stamped return postcard indicating receipt of the same is attached.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully petitions that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that the final Office Action be remailed with a three-month period for reply.

Applicant believes that no petition fee is required, however, please charge Account No. 16-1435 if a fee is due. The Office is respectfully invited to contact J. Michael Boggs at (336) 747-7536, to discuss any matter relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

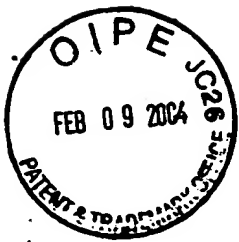
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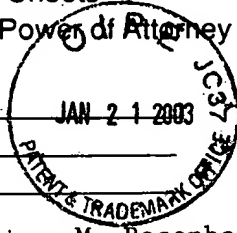
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Title of Invention: WOOD CHIPPER HAVING AN INFEED CHUTE SAFETY DEVICE

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